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> La Crescenta - Montrose Community Standards District Negative Declaration SCH No. 2008071036 County Case R2008-0088 IGR No. 080730/EK LOS / 210 / R16.5 – R20.3

## Dear Mitch Glaser:

We have received the Initial Study and Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project referenced at above right. Zoning for the Foothill Avenue corridor within jurisdiction of Los Angeles County is amended to ensure that future development is designed in a pedestrian-friendly manner that enhances the appearance of the corridor. For the California State Department of Transportation (Department), we have the following comments.

We commend the orientation towards pedestrian traffic. We ask that substantial improvements for pedestrians be made so to lead to more use of transit and ride-sharing for transportation. The Department favors balanced use of travel modes. More variety in use of transportation alternatives would tend to allow more efficient use of the nearby freeway State Route I-210 and of other facilities managed by the Department. You may check with us for advice.

Please keep us advised of any forthcoming substantial building projects in the corridor.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please refer to our internal Record Number 080730/EK. Also please do not hesitate to contact our review coordinator Edwin Kampmann at (213) 897-1346 or to contact me at (213) 897-6696.

Sincerely.

Elmer Alvarez

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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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